

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 24 of page 10 as follows:

After the central computer has been notified that the Jackpot or Progressive Jackpot has been won, preferably with an accompanying signal or alert to every machine already in operation that the mini-jackpot even will begin, the central computer will initiate the bonus event. What can be done is that a mini-jackpot amount is identified (e.g., \$100,000, \$75,00, \$50,000, an amount that is a percentage of the original jackpot amount, preferably without detracting from that jackpot amount) and the highest ranking hand within a specific time period after the mini-jackpot event begins wins the mini-jackpot. Awards may be given for a number of hands (the first three highest hands; the first ten highest hands; or the first 100 highest hands, for example), with ties being given a pro rate ~~rata~~ share of the mini-jackpot. For ~~Four~~ example, the mini-jackpot may be \$25,000 highest hand, \$10,000 second highest hand, \$2,000 third highest hand, and \$500 for each of the fourth through 100th highest hands achieved within one-half hour after the Progressive Jackpot has been won. If the hands achieved during that time period included a) Four Queens, b) two hands of 10's full over a pair of sixes, and hands descending from sevens full, the four Queens would b awarded \$25,000, the 10's full would each get \$6,000 (\$10,000 plus \$2,000 divided by two), and each of the next highest hands would get \$500.